

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

May 28, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2019-290-WS

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2020-389

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval of Adjustment in Rates – Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Request for Approval of a Contract between Blue Granite Water Company and ClearWater Solutions, LLC, as well as a Request for Confidential Treatment of the Contract.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Mr. Chairman, in the matter of the Blue Granite-ClearWater Contract, I would like to thank Office of Regulatory Staff for furnishing some information on this Contract, based on the record of the Blue Granite Rate case. Although it is helpful, I believe that the information furnished is not sufficient for this Commission to make a decision on approval of the contract at this time. Accordingly, I move that we carry this item over. ORS has, however, offered to furnish additional information on this matter if we allow 14 days for discovery, so as to afford ORS time to forward questions to Blue Granite. Therefore, I move that we grant 14 days discovery time from the date of this Order, and that we request that ORS seek the following information and provide it to the Commission:

1. Why were the contract services not put out to bids from other qualified providers?
2. What is/was the financial relationship between the parties to the contract and their affiliates?
3. Was this truly an arms-length transaction?
4. Did the customers really benefit?
5. If so, how were these claimed benefits to their customers calculated or quantified?
6. Any other related information as may be appropriate to these topics.

ORS shall furnish this information to this Commission on or before Noon on Monday, June 15, 2020.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

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BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
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HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Military Leave

RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

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